

**DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL  
REGISTERED ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSOR  
NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2006**

**Hello REAs!**

In this issue of the REA E-News, we provide news and links to information on upcoming events that may be of interest to you.

Please contact us with any comments or ideas you have about the REA E-News (what you like and do not like), the REA Program in general, or suggestions on how we can better assist you. Your input is very important to us. Our e-mail address is [REA\\_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:REA_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov).  
Note: We use Pacific Time for upcoming events.

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**REA PROGRAM NOTICE**

The Registered Environmental Assessor Program advises Registered Environmental Assessor I (REA I) and Registered Environmental Assessor II (REA II) holders of the following:

Registration as an REA I or an REA II is not a substitute for licensure as a professional engineer or a professional geologist. The California Department of Consumer Affairs Board for Geologists and Geophysicists and the Board for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors are authorized to take disciplinary actions for the unlicensed practice of Geology or Engineering and acts of professional negligence, fraud, or other violations of statute. Should either board take actions against an REA I or REA II, the individual shall be subject to a fact-finding review by Registered Environmental Assessor Program staff and be subject to revocation of the REA registration.

For more information regarding unacceptable practices, please contact the Board of Geologists and Geophysicists (<http://www.geology.ca.gov>) or the Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors (<http://www.dca.ca.gov/pels/>).

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**REA CONTACT INFORMATION**

Please do not forget to verify your contact information and update us with any changes at [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/REA/locate\\_form.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/REA/locate_form.cfm). You may also update your contact information by submitting the registry update form, by calling (916) 324-6881, or by sending us an e-mail message, including updated contact information to [REA\\_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov](mailto:REA_Mailbox@dtsc.ca.gov).  
Thank you for helping us to keep the registry up-to-date!

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## DEPARTMENT OF TOXIC SUBSTANCES CONTROL (DTSC)

**NEW! Upcoming January 2007 All Appropriate Inquiry (AAI) Training:** DTSC is pleased to sponsor a free one-day training event given by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (US EPA) on the final rule for AAI. The purpose of this free training is to provide State and local government officials, consultants, and other site assessment staff with the most current information on conducting environmental assessments in compliance with the new rule. The training is scheduled for January 23<sup>rd</sup> in Los Angeles and January 25<sup>th</sup> in Sacramento.

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/SiteCleanup/Brownfields/index.cfm>

**NEW!** DTSC will host a free public workshop about methamphetamine contaminated property at the **9th California Unified Program Annual Training Conference**. All interested persons are invited. The public workshop will discuss ways to improve existing laws to cleanup methamphetamine-contaminated property, such as houses, recreational vehicles, and mobile homes as required by The Methamphetamine Contaminated Property Cleanup Act of 2005. DTSC encourages interested people to provide input for additional regulations or legislation that will help make dwellings or land contaminated by illegal drug labs habitable. The discussion may include training, legislative changes to expand the scope of the law to other controlled substances, funding, clarifying laws and regulations, and authority. For more information, please refer to the 2007 conference program:

[http://www.calcupa.net/conference/2007/2007\\_final\\_program.pdf](http://www.calcupa.net/conference/2007/2007_final_program.pdf)

**Emergency Regulations:** Phase I Environmental Site Assessments (Proposed New and Expanding School Sites)

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/LawsRegsPolicies/Regs/upload/Phase-I-Emergency-Resubmit-Text.pdf>

### California Waste Codes (CWC) for industries in assessment report

Website:

[http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/SB14/upload/California\\_Waste\\_Codes.pdf](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/PollutionPrevention/SB14/upload/California_Waste_Codes.pdf)

**California Take-It-Back Partnership:** The Take-It-Back website provides convenient and safe ways for consumers to dispose of everyday hazardous wastes such as batteries, fluorescent lamps, and electronic devices.

Website: <http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/HazardousWaste/UniversalWaste/TIB.cfm>

**DTSC's Events Calendar** can be accessed by clicking on the link below and choosing an event type to find dates, times, and links to additional information on events.

Website: [DTSC Calendar](#)

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## CALIFORNIA ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (CAL/EPA)

**Governor Schwarzenegger signed landmark legislation to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.** (AB 32 Nunez/Pavley – California Global Warming Solution Act of 2006).

Website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/Legislation/>

**Inspector Training Clearinghouse:** The Cal/EPA Clearinghouse for Inspector Training provides a one-stop-shopping source for all kinds of information associated with environmental inspector training. Courses offered by both state and local agencies are represented.

Website: [Cal/EPA Inspector Training Clearinghouse](#).

**NEW! Cal/EPA Environmental Complaint Form:** If you have observed an activity, physical evidence of an activity, or have knowledge of what you think may be a possible illegal act or unauthorized release that caused harm or damage to California's public health or environment, Cal/EPA would like to know about it. Use the Environmental Complaint Form (in the link below) to file an environmental complaint with Cal/EPA.

Website: [http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA\\_Complaint/index.cfm](http://www.dtsc.ca.gov/database/CalEPA_Complaint/index.cfm)

**9<sup>th</sup> California Unified Program (CUPA) Annual Training Conference:** The California CUPA Forum Board, California Environmental Protection Agency and its Boards, Departments and Office, the State Fire Marshal and the Office of Emergency Services all welcome you to the 9<sup>th</sup> California Unified Program Annual Training Conference being held February 12<sup>th</sup> through 15<sup>th</sup>.

Website: <http://www.calcupa.net/conference/2007/index.html>

**CA Environmental Education Interagency Network (CEEIN):** For information on upcoming events, visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/education/CEEIN/Events/Calendar.pdf>

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## STATE WATER RESOURCES CONTROL BOARD (SWRCB) & REGIONAL WATER QUALITY CONTROL BOARDS

### California Stormwater Quality Association (CASQA) Meetings

Description: CASQA meetings' target audiences are stormwater quality management professionals from cities, counties, special districts, industries, consulting firms, and regulatory agencies. The next meetings are in January (see website below).

Contact Info: (650)366-1042 or email to [info@casqa.org](mailto:info@casqa.org)

Website: [CASQA Meetings](#)

For information on upcoming SWRCB and RWQCB meetings and activities, visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/>

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## AIR RESOURCES BOARD (ARB)

**Air Pollution Seminar and Webcast:** ARB holds air pollution seminars and webcast presentations from leading scientists that focus on the health impacts of air pollution, personal exposure, emission sources, atmospheric formation, and innovative control technologies. For information on upcoming seminars and webcasts and to view past presentations, visit the website below.

Website: [Air Pollution Seminar Series](#).

**AB 2628 Eligible Vehicles - Single Occupant Carpool Lane Use Stickers:** California law allows single-occupant use of High Occupancy Vehicle (HOVs) lanes by certain alternative fuel, clean hybrid, and full-electric vehicles. Hybrid vehicles are currently limited to a maximum of 75,000 vehicles. An additional 10,000 vehicles will be permitted starting January 1, 2007.

Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/msprog/carpool/carpool.htm>

For information on ARB classes, training, and workshop, visit the ARB website below.

Website: <http://www.arb.ca.gov/training/training.htm>

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## DEPARTMENT OF PESTICIDE REGULATION (DPR)

**Dormant Spray Water Quality Initiative:** Spraying of Central Valley orchard crops during cold weather, when the trees are dormant, kills over-wintering arthropod pests (such as scales and mites) and diseases. It helps to keep these destructive pests under control through the growing season. However, the organophosphate insecticides used as dormant sprays cause problems when drift occurs or when rainfall washes residues into rivers and streams. Through its Dormant Spray Water Quality Initiative, DPR works to prevent aquatic toxicity from residues of diazinon and chlorpyrifos in the Sacramento and San Joaquin Rivers.

Website: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/ds/index.htm>

**Recently Enacted Pesticide Laws:** New bills were passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Schwarzenegger during the 2006 Legislative Session. The bills will become effective January 1, 2007.

Website: <http://www.cdpr.ca.gov/docs/legbills/enacted.htm>

To find out what's new with DPR, please visit the website: [What's New?](#)

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## **CALIFORNIA INTEGRATED WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD (CIWMB)**

**EcoLandscape 2007Conference:** The EcoLandscape Conference will introduce landscape professionals to cutting edge trends and techniques to meet the challenges of water conservation, storm water pollution, peak-runoff reduction, resource conservation, and pesticide and fertilizer reduction. The conference will be held February 3, 2007, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The conference will take place at the Samuel Pannell Meadowview Community Center, 2450 Meadowview Road, Sacramento, California 95832, and it is open to the public.

For more information on this event and other upcoming events, visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/calendar>

**Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) Information:** CIWMB provides links to publications and to local government HHW disposal and recycling program information by county.

Website: [Local Government HHW Info](#)

For information on CIWMB classes, training, and conferences visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.ciwmb.ca.gov/leatraining/>

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## **OTHER EVENTS, NEWS, & TRAINING**

### **NORTHWEST ENVIRONMENTAL TRAINING CENTER**

**Contaminant Forensics of Petroleum, Chlorinated Hydrocarbons, and Metals:** Geochemical Applications for Assessing Contaminant Transport, Risk, and Apportioning Liability. Class scheduled for January 30<sup>th</sup> through January 31<sup>st</sup>.

**Contaminant Chemistry and Transport in Soil and Groundwater:** Class is scheduled for February 28<sup>th</sup> through March 1<sup>st</sup>.

For more information on both classes and other training visit the website below.

Website: <http://www.nwetc.org/training.htm>

### **CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES**

Regional Environmental Business Resource Assistance Centers (REBRAC) specialize in serving business, public agencies, and manufacturers throughout the state of California. For more information, visit the REBRAC Website below.

Website: [REBRAC Calendar](#)

**Hazardous Waste Management In California:** The course will cover the following topics: waste identification; hazardous waste generator standards; container & tank standards; preparedness, prevention and training plans; transportation; onsite treatment; recycling in California; universal waste rule standards; pollution prevention and best environmental practices; SB14; and basic hazardous waste inspection. Instructor will be Nabil Yacoub. The course costs \$75 per person is scheduled for January 10<sup>th</sup> in Anaheim, California 92801, from 9:00 a.m. through 3:30 p.m. To register for the class or for more information call Perla Fickenscher at (714) 808-4620 or Taffy Kennedy at (714) 808-4613.

Website: [Hazardous Waste Management in California](#)

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## **CALIFORNIA WASTE ASSOCIATION (CWA)**

The first meeting on CUPA Updates is scheduled for January 24<sup>th</sup>, in Oxnard. The meeting details and invitation with a location and time will follow.

Website: [California Waste Association](#)

## **PRINCETON GROUNDWATER, INC.**

**The Groundwater Pollution and Hydrology:** The course is five days and is scheduled for February 5<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> in San Francisco.

**The Remediation Course:** The course is five days and is scheduled for March 19<sup>th</sup> through 23<sup>rd</sup> in Las Vegas, Nevada.

Website: [Princeton Groundwater Course Calendar](#)

**UC DAVIS EXTENSION:** UC Davis Extension offers Environmental Health and Safety and Environmental Management courses, such as Health and Safety Training for Hazardous Waste Workers, Clandestine Drug Lab Cleanup – a HAZWOPER Supplement, Toxic and Environmental Laws and Regulations, Environmental Management Systems – An Overview, Hazardous Materials Transportation, Environmental Planning and Site Analysis, and Dynamics of Risk Communication. For information on upcoming classes, please visit the website below.

Website: [Program areas, UC Davis Extension](#)

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## **NEED TO VERIFY THE STATUS OF A LICENSURE?**

Please click the link below and then search the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (BGG) Directory of Licensees.

Website: [California Board for Geologists and Geophysicists](#)